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BRING ON THE BAD GUYS

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In the shadowed heart of Latveria,
DOCTOR DOOM, the iron-fisted monarch and master of sorcery, must unravel a cosmic mystery that threatens his dominion: An old foe's unyielding ambition pulses with malevolent energy, his hellish plan whispering promises of power and ruin.

The fate of realms hangs in the balance,
and a single misstep could consign
all to eternal damnation!

LATVERIA.

I AM DOOM.

AND DOOM IS *ABOVE ALL.*

VELICE FURVE, YOUR GRACE...

VELICE FURVE. ONE OF MY *LESSER* SPIES.

DOOM, GREATEST OF ALL MONARCHS. THE LEADERS OF MIGHTY NATIONS QUAKE AT YOUR VERY WHISPER.

AND ONE OF THE MORE *PATHETIC* ONES.

RISE.

AND *SPEAK.*

I BRING GRIM TIDINGS. OF A SHADOWY *WOMAN*-- DARK AND POWERFUL AND MYSTERIOUS.

WHAT DOES DOOM CARE FOR THE FOLLIES OF A *WOMAN*, MYSTERIOUS OR NOT?

SHE IS KNOWN AS "*SISTER SORROW.*"

SHE IS TRAVELING THE WORLD, M'LORD, SEEKING ITEMS OF AN...*EXOTIC* NATURE.

YOU WASTE DOOM'S TIME, FURVE...

SHE IS AFTER *DAGGERS*, YOUR GRACE.

OF A MOST *ARCANE* DESIGN.

I WAS *BOLD* ENOUGH TO CAPTURE AN IMAGE OF ONE WITH THE THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST.

A *SOUL* DAGGER.

I'D THOUGHT THEM LOST TO TIME.

DOOM IS NOT... UNPLEASED.

THANK YOU, YOUR GRACE.

AND *WHERE* IS YOUR MYSTERY WOMAN *NOW?*

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BERLIN, GERMANY.

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EMIL BLONSKY,
A.K.A. "the Abomination."

MEIN GOTT...

HALLO.

ACT LIKE YOU NEVER SAW A GAMMA-IRRADIATED MAN BEFORE. *BOZE MOJ...*

TERRORIZING THE POPULACE, MR. BLONSKY?

JUST HAVING A LITTLE FUN.

SISTER SORROW, I TAKE IT?

"SISTER SORROW."

A TITLE GIVEN TO ME SO LONG AGO, I'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN MY *TRUE* NAME.

CUTE CHOICE FOR A MEET. REMINDS ME A BIT OF MY *ESPIONAGE* DAYS.

DO YOU HAVE THE ITEM?

THIS GETS ME OFF THE HOOK, YES? WITH YOUR *BOSS?*

A SIMPLE *CLOAKING SPELL* HIDES ME FROM THEIR VIEW.

YOU HAVE DONE WELL.

YOUR *DEBT* IS CONSIDERED PAID.

IF ENGAGED, BLONSKY--THE "ABOMINATION"--WOULD OFFER NO CONTEST. BUT NOR IS THERE A POINT TO A PROTRACTED *FIGHT* IN A PUBLIC *PLACE.*

BLONSKY GOES, UNAWARE OF THE *MERCY* DOOM HAS GRANTED HIM.

INTERESTING...

I SEEM TO HAVE CAUGHT THE EYE OF NONE OTHER THAN *VICTOR VON DOOM.*

SO DOOM IS KNOWN TO YOU. *GOOD.*

YOUR *FEAR* WILL SAVE US BOTH PRECIOUS *TIME.*

DOOM'S INVOLVEMENT IS... *UNEXPECTED.*

GIVE ME THE DAGGER.

AND *INCONVENIENT.*

AND *WHY* WOULD I WANT TO DO THAT?

TO, I IMAGINE, PROLONG YOUR LIFE.

BLONSKY LET SLIP THAT YOU'RE ACTING ON *BEHALF* OF SOMEONE. WHICH MEANS THIS MATTER DOES NOT CONCERN YOU.

IF ONLY THAT WERE TRUE.

IF IT CONCERNS MY ***MASTER***, IT CONCERNS ME. I DON'T HAVE TO BE HAPPY ABOUT IT, BUT THERE IT IS.

YOU DON'T KNOW THE ***POWER*** OF THE DAGGER YOU NOW POSSESS.

I KNOW IT'S NOT MUCH USE WITHOUT THE ***OTHERS.***

INDEED. THE ***SOUL FORGE*** IS BUT A SHELL WITHOUT ***FIVE SOULS*** TO ***IGNITE*** IT AND UNLEASH ITS MIGHT.

THE SOUL FORGE.

AN ARTIFACT SHROUDED IN MYSTERY, LOST TO THE AGES.

THE BROKEN DREAM OF SIX ***LORDS OF DARKNESS*** DRAWN TOGETHER FROM ALL THE SHADOWY CORNERS OF THE WORLD.

YANGTSO. A DENIZEN OF ***KAMAR-TAJ,*** MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS AND DISCIPLE OF THE ANCIENT ONE.

THE ORDER OF KHONSHU'S ***KHALIL AHMED.*** EXPERT IN LUNAR MAGIC.

ONYILOGWU. FORMERLY OF THE HIDDEN KINGDOM OF ***WAKANDA.*** EXILED FOR PRACTICING DARK MAGIC.

ASTRETA VON DIRE. AN ENCHANTRESS FROM MY OWN ***LATVERIA.***

CORACK FROM THE UNDERWATER KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS.

AND ***LUCIFUS,*** WHO KEPT HIS INTENTIONS AND ***TRUE IDENTITY*** SECRET FROM HIS COMRADES.

FOR YEARS, THE DARK LORDS WORKED IN SHADOW AND IN SECRET.

THEY MARSHALED ALL THE WISDOM AND POWER OF THEIR VARIOUS DISCIPLINES.

MAGIC. MAGICKS. ENERGY MANIPULATION.

ANCIENT ARTS LOST TO TIME.

COMBINING ALL THEIR SKILLS AND WISDOM IN SERVICE OF CRAFTING ONE OF THE MOST ***POWERFUL*** OBJECTS IN ALL OF HISTORY.

THE ***SOUL FORGE.***

"THE SOUL FORGE..."

...HAS THE *POWER* TO CHANGE THE WORLD ENTIRE.

FOR THE MEANS OF SUCH SUPREMACY TO BE IN *ANYONE ELSE'S HANDS* IS AN *AFRONT* TO THE WILL OF DOOM.

ONE LAST TIME: SURRENDER THE DAGGER...OR YOUR LIFE.

HARDLY A *CHOICE.*

I'M *AFRAID...*

AS YOU *SHOULD* BE.

...I'LL HAVE TO *DECLINE.*

DARK MAGIC...

...WAS EMPLOYED OVER A YEAR OF NIGHTS.

ANCIENT RITUALS CONDUCTED FROM FORBIDDEN TEXTS.

SPELLS CAST IN LANGUAGES NOT SPOKEN IN CENTURIES.

UNTIL THE NIGHT WHEN ALL THAT REMAINED WAS TO *POWER* THE FORGE.

BY *FEEDING* IT.

WITH THE *BLOOD* OF THOSE WHO'D BROUGHT IT FORTH.

YOU'RE HARDER TO KILL THAN IT FIRST APPEARED.

ALMOST IMPRESSIVE.

WHAT MASTER DO YOU SERVE?

HE'S *TRAINED* YOU WELL.

HE DIDN'T "TRAIN" ME.

I'M NOT A *PET*.

HE'S FORMIDABLE.

SHE IS... FORMIDABLE.

IN HER POWER, I SENSE HIS HAND AT WORK.

THE LORD OF DARKNESS...

...WHO BETRAYED THE OTHER LORDS.

CYNICS AND SKEPTICS, THEY TRUSTED NO ONE SAVE THEMSELVES.

IT MADE THEM BLIND...

...TO THE TRAITOR WITHIN THEIR COHORT.

BETRAYED BY ONE WHO WAS AMONG THEM...

...BUT NOT OF THEM.

"MEPHISTO."

IT'S THE KING OF LIES YOU SERVE.

ISN'T IT?

I DON'T "SERVE" MEPHISTO. WE HAVE...AN ARRANGEMENT.

IT "SERVES" ME.

SHE LIES.

IT'S SO FITTING THAT IT'S ALMOST QUAINT.

MEPHISTO...

...GRASPED FOR THE FORGE.

HIS *GREED* WAS PALPABLE, *EAGER* TO POSSESS THE FORGE'S ENORMOUS POWER.

BUT AS HE *TOUCHED* IT...

...THE *MYSTIC ENERGIES* INSIDE QUICKLY FADED.

LEAVING BEHIND A MERE SHELL. AN EMPTY VESSEL.

THE THOUGHT THAT HE HAD BEEN *BETRAYED* TOOK ROOT.

THE GREAT DECEIVER HAD BEEN, HIMSELF, *DECEIVED.*

A TERRIBLE *RAGE* BUILT WITHIN MEPHISTO...

...WHICH HE TOOK OUT ON THE ***SOULS*** OF THE DARK LORDS, ***DESTROYING*** THEM UTTERLY AND FOREVER.

ONLY TO ***REALIZE*** THAT IT WAS THOSE VERY ***SOULS*** HE NEEDED TO POWER THE FORGE.

BUT THE SCHEMER OF SCHEMERS WOULD NOT HAVE GIVEN UP SO EASILY.

HE WOULD HAVE ***TAKEN*** THE FORGE.

AND BIDED HIS TIME.

UNTIL ***TIME...***

...REVEALED TO HIM THE WAY TO ***REPLENISH*** THE FORGE ANEW.

THIS, DOOM *CANNOT* PERMIT.

CLARITY REDOUBLES MY *RESOLVE.*

CHOOK

AND WITH MY RESOLVE...

...MY *FURY.*

I CAST A *SPELL*...

THE *EFFORT* IS... CONSIDERABLE.

BUT IT SERVES ITS *PURPOSE*.

PARTING ME FROM DOOM.

THE WORLD GOES GRAY AT ITS EDGES AS I TRY TO RECOVER FROM THE EXERTION.

CURIOUS EYES STARE AND BEWILDERED FACES GAWK AS I WORK TO GATHER WHAT *STRENGTH* I HAVE LEFT.

TO CAST *ANOTHER SPELL*.

ONE THAT WILL CARRY ME...

...HOME.

SISTER SORROW...

MY FIGURATIVE *DAUGHTER* HAS AT LAST *RETURNED.*

SPEAK.

I HAVE THE DAGGER BLONSKY WAS *TASKED* TO FILL.

AND THE *REMAINING DAGGERS?*

I'LL HAVE THEM *IMMINENTLY.*

AT LONG LAST...

UNTIL *WHAT?*

EXCUSE ME?

WHEN YOU HAVE ALL *FIVE DAGGERS*--EACH *REPLENISHED* WITH THE *SOUL* OF A *DESCENDANT* OF THE FIVE LORDS OF DARKNESS...

...WHAT *THEN?*

I DON'T RECALL POSSESSING A NEED TO *EXPLAIN* MYSELF, CHILD.

I KNOW ABOUT THE *SOUL FORGE.*

WHETHER I SHOULD OR NOT.

WHAT I *DON'T* KNOW IS WHAT IT'S *CAPABLE OF.*

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IT IS CAPABLE...

...OF WONDERS.

FROM ATOP MY *THRONE*, I HAVE *DOMINION* OVER ALL *SOULS* WHO HAVE BEEN CAST DOWN INTO THESE FIERY PITS.

THE SOUL FORGE *EXPANDS* THAT POWER *TENFOLD*...

...GIVING ME *POWER* OVER ALL SOULS IN HELL...

...AND EVERY SOUL ON EARTH.

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BORN TO BE BAD

The world is a very dangerous place with evil people, gods and creatures of all kinds. They lurk around every corner. Invade your dreams. Hide in plain sight. Threaten the very fabric of space-time itself.

The 1976 classic "**BRING ON THE BAD GUYS**" was a compendium featuring the first appearances and origin stories of Marvel's greatest villains of the time, written by comic book giant STAN LEE and with art by such industry legends as JACK KIRBY, STEVE DITKO, JOHN ROMITA SR., GIL KANE and JOHN BUSCEMA. What made it such a compelling read was Stan's understanding that heroes are only as good as the villains they face. He knew that the most memorable stories aren't just about the triumphs of our heroes, but about the complex, sometimes terrifying adversaries they must overcome.

Five decades later, we're revisiting this concept with our new "**BRING ON THE BAD GUYS**" series of one-shots featuring the iconic characters from that original collection: DOCTOR DOOM, MEPHISTO, RED SKULL, GREEN GOBLIN, DORMAMMU and the ABOMINATION. With a battle of wits and power between DOCTOR DOOM and MEPHISTO, MARC GUGGENHEIM has written a heart-pounding story that provides an epic opening and closing to this special event with backup stories threading everything together and introducing a fascinating new character. And we've assembled an incredible team of writers and artists who understand what makes Marvel villains so captivating. These creators are bringing fresh perspectives while honoring the rich legacy of characters first spotlighted in Stan's original collection.

From cosmic threats to street-level criminals, our villains represent the darkness that our heroes must face, both externally and within themselves. So prepare yourselves, True Believers! The bad guys are coming--and they've never looked so good.

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